# An application of decomposable maps in proving multiplicativity of low dimensional maps

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#### Abstract

In this paper we present a class of maps for which the multiplicativity of the maximal output p-norm holds for p=2 and  $p\geq 4$ . This result is a slight generalization of the corresponding result in [9]. The class includes all positive trace-preserving maps from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ . Interestingly, by contrast, the multiplicativity of p-norm was investigated in the context of quantum information theory and shown not to hold in general for high dimensional quantum channels [5]. Moreover, the Werner-Holevo channel, which is a map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ , is a counterexample for p>4.79.

## 1 Introduction

Suppose we have a map

$$\Phi: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n), \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$  is the set of (bounded) linear operators on  $\mathbb{C}^d$ . Then, the maximal output p-norm is defined as

$$\nu_p(\Phi) = \sup_{\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^m)} \|\Phi(\rho)\|_p. \tag{1.2}$$

Here,  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^m)$  is the set of positive semidefinite Hermitian operators of unit trace, and  $\| \ \|_p$  is the Schatten p-norm:  $\|A\|_p = (\operatorname{tr}|A|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

The multiplicativity property was investigated in the context of quantum information theory. I.e.,  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^m)$  represents quantum states on the m-dimensional space, and we restrict the map  $\Phi$  in (1.2) to Completely Positive (CP) Trace-Preserving (TP) maps, which represent quantum channels. Recall that a map  $\Phi$  is CP if for any space  $\mathbb{C}^d$  the product  $\Phi \otimes 1_{\mathbb{C}^d}$  is a positive map, where  $1_{\mathbb{C}^d}$  is the identity map on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ . Then, the following statement, which is called the multiplicativity of p-norm, was conjectured in [1] but was disproved later;

$$\nu_p(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_p(\Phi)\nu_p(\Omega) \tag{1.3}$$

for any  $p \in (1, \infty]$  and for all quantum channels  $\Phi$  and  $\Omega$ . Note that the bound  $\nu_p(\Phi \otimes \Omega) \ge \nu_p(\Phi)\nu_p(\Omega)$  is straightforward.

The first counterexample, which is called Werner-Holevo channel, was found in [17] for p > 4.79 and m = n = 3. Then later, the above conjecture was shown to be false for any p > 1 if we choose large enough m and n (the dimension of the input and output spaces) [5]. However when p = 2, for example, we still don't know whether or not there is a counterexample for (1.3) of low dimension. In this paper, we show, in Theorem 7 and Theorem 9, that for any Positive Trace-Preserving (PTP) map  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  and any CP map  $\Omega : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ 

$$\nu_p(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_p(\Phi)\nu_p(\Omega) \tag{1.4}$$

for p=2 and  $p\geq 4$  as a slight generalization of the corresponding result in [9]. This result is interesting as the Werner-Holevo channel is a map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  violating multiplicativity for p>4.79. There are some general results in [3],[11],[13], where sufficient conditions for the multiplicativity were derived. However these sufficient conditions have not been verified in general.

The above conjecture attracted attention in the relation to the additivity conjecture [12]. The additivity conjecture was proven to be globally equivalent to the additivity of Holevo capacity and the additivity of entanglement of formation [15], however, it was disproved recently [4]. Although, the additivity does not hold in general it is still interesting to look for classes of channels for which the additivity is true. For this the multiplicativity for p close to 1 can be used to prove the additivity [1]. Under some conditions, the multiplicativity for rather large p implies the additivity [19].

# 2 Maps to $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$

Suppose that  $\rho$  is a Hermitian operator of unit trace on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Then, there exists  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{R}^3$  such that

$$\rho = \bar{I} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} w_k \sigma_k. \tag{2.1}$$

Here,  $\bar{I} = I/2$  is the normalized identity and  $\sigma_k$  are the Pauli matrices. Note that  $\rho$  is positive semidefinite if and only if  $\|\rho\|_2 = \|\mathbf{w}\|_2 \le 1$ , and  $\rho$  is a rank-one projection if and only if  $\|\rho\|_2 = \|\mathbf{w}\|_2 = 1$ . We identify a quantum state with a vector in the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In this case, a pure state, which is a rank-one projection, corresponds to a point on the unit sphere. This unit ball is called the Bloch ball, denoted by  $B_1$ . Note that the center corresponds to the maximally mixed state. The following estimate is also important.

$$\|\rho\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} w_k^2}.$$
 (2.2)

Note that the 2-norm is determined by the distance from the center and then this fact shows that  $\nu_2(\Phi)$  is also determined by the minimum radius of ball which includes  $\Phi(B_1)$  the image of

the Bloch ball by  $\Phi$ . This observation can be extended to  $p \in (1, \infty]$  by using the majorization of eigenvalues.

The depolarizing channel on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$  is defined as

$$\Psi_{\lambda}(\rho) = \lambda \rho + (1 - \lambda) \operatorname{tr}[\rho] \bar{I}. \tag{2.3}$$

Here,  $\bar{I} = I/d$  and  $0 \le \lambda \le 1$ . Then, when d = 2 it acts on the above quantum states as follows.

$$\Psi_{\lambda}(\rho) = \bar{I} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \lambda \, w_k \sigma_k. \tag{2.4}$$

The depolarizing channel  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  compresses  $B_1$  to the ball with radius  $\lambda$ , which is denoted by  $B_{\lambda}$ .

**Theorem 1** Any PTP map  $\Phi: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  can be written in the form <sup>1</sup> of

$$\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ M. \tag{2.5}$$

Here,  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  is the depolarizing channel on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  and  $M:\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)\to\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  is a PTP map which has a rank-one-projection output, so that

$$\nu_p(\Phi) = \nu_p(\Psi_\lambda) \quad p \in (1, \infty]. \tag{2.6}$$

**Proof.** First, recall that the depolarizing channel on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  is defined by the following mappings.

$$\Psi_{\lambda}: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$$

$$I \mapsto I; \qquad \sigma_1 \mapsto \lambda \sigma_1; \qquad \sigma_2 \mapsto \lambda \sigma_2; \qquad \sigma_3 \mapsto \lambda \sigma_3. \tag{2.7}$$

We define a new map for  $0 < \lambda < 1$ :

$$L_{\lambda}: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^{2}) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^{2})$$

$$I \mapsto I; \qquad \sigma_{1} \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda}\sigma_{1}; \qquad \sigma_{2} \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda}\sigma_{2}; \qquad \sigma_{3} \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda}\sigma_{3}. \tag{2.8}$$

Then, next, choose  $0 \le \lambda \le 1$  such that  $\nu_p(\Phi) = \nu_p(\Psi_\lambda)$ . Since when  $\lambda = 0$  ( $\Phi$  has only one output  $\bar{I}$  and  $\nu_2(\Phi) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ) the statement of theorem holds, we assume that  $\lambda > 0$ . Then  $L_{\lambda}$  is well-defined and the channel  $\Phi$  can be written as

$$\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ L_{\lambda} \circ \Phi. \tag{2.9}$$

Here,  $\Psi_{\lambda} \circ L_{\lambda}$  acts as the identity.

Finally, we show the map  $M = L_{\lambda} \circ \Phi$  is PTP and has a rank-one-projection output. Note that a TP map M is positive iff  $M(B_1) \subseteq B_1$ . The condition  $\nu_p(\Phi) = \nu_p(\Psi_{\lambda})$  implies that  $\Phi(B_1)$  is touching  $B_{\lambda}$  from the inside. Hence,

$$M(B_1) = L_{\lambda}(\Phi(B_1)) \subseteq L_{\lambda}(B_{\lambda}) = B_1. \tag{2.10}$$

This shows that the map M is positive and that  $M(B_1)$  is touching  $B_1$  from inside so that M has a rank-one-projection output. By the construction M preserves trace. Q.E.D.

Also, the following result on the depolarizing channels is well-known [7],[8].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This form of decomposition may be traced back to our previous paper [2].

**Theorem 2** Let  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  be the depolarizing channel. Then,  $\nu_p(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega) \leq \nu_p(\Psi_{\lambda}) \nu_p(\Omega)$  for any CP map  $\Omega$  and  $p \in (1, \infty]$ .

## 3 Decomposability and its application

In this section, we use the concept of decomposability to prove multiplicativity properties for PTP maps between low dimensional spaces.

**Definition 3** A positive map M is decomposable if

$$M = \Phi_1 + T \circ \Phi_2 \tag{3.1}$$

for some CP maps  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ . Here, T is the transpose map.

The following result is well-known [16],[18] and our result totally depends on it.

**Theorem 4** All positive maps  $M: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  and  $M: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  are decomposable.

Then, we have

**Lemma 5** Let  $\Phi$  be a PTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ . Then,

$$\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ \Phi_1 + T \circ \Psi_{\lambda} \circ \Phi_2 \tag{3.2}$$

for some CP maps  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , so that  $\nu_p(\Phi) = \nu_p(\Psi_\lambda)$  for  $p \in (1, \infty]$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 1 and Theorem 4

$$\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ M = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ [\Phi_1 + T \circ \Phi_2] 
= \Psi_{\lambda} \circ \Phi_1 + \Psi_{\lambda} \circ T \circ \Phi_2 = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ \Phi_1 + T \circ \Psi_{\lambda} \circ \Phi_2.$$
(3.3)

Note that  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  and T are commutative. Q.E.D.

### 3.1 For p = 2

When p = 2 we have the following nice property on the 2-norm:

Lemma 6

$$\|\hat{A}\|_{2} = \|(T \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{C}^{n}})(\hat{A})\|_{2}$$
 (3.4)

for any  $\hat{A} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^{mn})$ .

**Proof.**  $\hat{A} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^{mn})$  can be written as

$$\hat{A} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m} |i\rangle\langle j| \otimes A_{ij} \tag{3.5}$$

Here,  $\{|i\rangle\}$  is an orthonormal basis and  $A_{ij} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Then,

$$(T \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{C}^n})(\hat{A}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^m |j\rangle\langle i| \otimes A_{ij}. \tag{3.6}$$

Here, the transpose T is defined in the basis  $\{|i\rangle\}$ . Therefore,

$$\|\hat{A}\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m} \|A_{ij}\|_{2}^{2} = \|(T \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{C}^{n}})(\hat{A})\|_{2}^{2}.$$
(3.7)

Q.E.D.

**Theorem 7** Let  $\Phi$  be a PTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ . Then, for any CP map  $\Omega: \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ ,

$$\nu_2(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_2(\Phi) \,\nu_2(\Omega). \tag{3.8}$$

**Proof.** We show  $\nu_2(\Phi \otimes \Omega) \leq \nu_2(\Phi) \nu_2(\Omega)$  as the other inequality is obvious.

For any state  $\hat{\rho} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^m)$  let  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be positive semidefinite Hermitian operators as follows;

$$\sigma_1 = (\Phi_1 \otimes \mathbf{1})(\hat{\rho}) \text{ and } \sigma_2 = (\Phi_2 \otimes \mathbf{1})(\hat{\rho}).$$
 (3.9)

Here,  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are as in Lemma 5. Then,

$$(\Phi \otimes \mathbf{1})(\hat{\rho}) = (\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \mathbf{1})(\sigma_1) + ((T \circ \Psi_{\lambda}) \otimes \mathbf{1})(\sigma_2)$$
(3.10)

Also, since  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  and T preserve trace,

$$1 = \operatorname{tr}[(\Phi \otimes \mathbf{1})(\hat{\rho})] = \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_1] + \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_2]. \tag{3.11}$$

Next, Theorem 2 gives the following bounds.

$$\|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_1)\|_2 \leq \nu_2(\Psi_{\lambda}) \, \nu_2(\Omega) \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_1] \quad \text{and} \quad \|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_2)\|_2 \leq \nu_2(\Psi_{\lambda}) \, \nu_2(\Omega) \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_2] \ (3.12)$$

Then, by using (3.10), the triangle inequality, Lemma 6, (3.12) and (3.11) in order,

$$\|(\Phi \otimes \Omega)(\hat{\rho})\|_{2} \leq \|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_{1})\|_{2} + \|(T \otimes \mathbf{1}) \circ (\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_{2})\|_{2}$$

$$= \|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_{1})\|_{2} + \|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_{2})\|_{2}$$

$$\leq \nu_{2}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \nu_{2}(\Omega) \left[\operatorname{tr}[\sigma_{1}] + \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_{2}]\right]$$

$$= \nu_{2}(\Phi) \nu_{2}(\Omega). \tag{3.13}$$

This implies that

$$\nu_2(\Phi \otimes \Omega) < \nu_2(\Phi) \,\nu_2(\Omega). \tag{3.14}$$

Q.E.D.

### 3.2 For $p \ge 4$

To get the result for  $p \ge 4$  we need the following result [9]. Note that it is also possible to use Theorem 8 instead of Lemma 6 to prove Theorem 7.

**Theorem 8** Let  $A, B, C, D \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$  for  $d \geq 1$ . Then,

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{p} \le \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \|A\|_{p} & \|B\|_{p} \\ \|C\|_{p} & \|D\|_{p} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{p} \tag{3.15}$$

for p = 2 and  $p \ge 4$ .

**Theorem 9** Let  $\Phi$  be a PTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ . Then, for any CP map  $\Omega : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ ,

$$\nu_p(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_p(\Phi) \,\nu_p(\Omega). \tag{3.16}$$

for  $p \geq 4$ .

**Proof.** We can prove the above statement in a similar way as Theorem 7. One step which is not trivial is the following bound:

$$\|(T \otimes \mathbf{1}) \circ (\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_2)\|_{p} \le \nu_{p}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \nu_{p}(\Omega) \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_2]. \tag{3.17}$$

Here, we use the same notations as in the proof of Theorem 7. To get this bound write

$$\sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.18}$$

for some  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m)$ . Note that since  $\sigma_2$  is positive semidefinite, so are A and C. Then,

$$\|(T \otimes \mathbf{1}) \circ (\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_{2})\|_{p} = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\lambda}{2}\Omega(A) + \frac{1-\lambda}{2}\Omega(C) & \lambda\Omega(B^{*}) \\ \lambda\Omega(B) & \frac{1-\lambda}{2}\Omega(A) + \frac{1+\lambda}{2}\Omega(C) \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{p} (3.19)$$

By Theorem 8 and the triangle inequality, it is bounded by

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\lambda}{2} \|\Omega(A)\|_{p} + \frac{1-\lambda}{2} \|\Omega(C)\|_{p} & \lambda \|\Omega(B^{*})\|_{p} \\ \lambda \|\Omega(B)\|_{p} & \frac{1-\lambda}{2} \|\Omega(A)\|_{p} + \frac{1+\lambda}{2} \|\Omega(C)\|_{p} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{p}$$

$$= \left\| \Psi_{\lambda} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \|\Omega(A)\|_{p} & \|\Omega(B^{*})\|_{p} \\ \|\Omega(B)\|_{p} & \|\Omega(C)\|_{p} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right\|_{p}$$

$$\leq \nu_{p}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \left[ \|\Omega(A)\|_{p} + \|\Omega(C)\|_{p} \right]$$

$$\leq \nu_{p}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \nu_{p}(\Omega) \left[ \operatorname{tr}[A] + \operatorname{tr}[C] \right]$$

$$= \nu_{p}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \nu_{p}(\Omega) \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_{2}]. \tag{3.20}$$

Here, we used the fact that the following  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|\frac{1+\lambda}{2}\Omega(A) + \frac{1-\lambda}{2}\Omega(C)\|_{p} & \|\lambda\Omega(B^{*})\|_{p} \\ \|\lambda\Omega(B)\|_{p} & \|\frac{1-\lambda}{2}\Omega(A) + \frac{1+\lambda}{2}\Omega(C)\|_{p} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} \|\Omega(A)\|_{p} & \|\Omega(B^{*})\|_{p} \\ \|\Omega(B)\|_{p} & \|\Omega(C)\|_{p} \end{pmatrix} (3.21)$$

are positive semidefinite. Indeed, since

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega(A) & \Omega(B) \\ \Omega(B^*) & \Omega(C) \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.22}$$

is positive semidefinite we can write  $\Omega(B) = \Omega(A)^{1/2} R \Omega(C)^{1/2}$  for some contraction R but this gives the bound:  $\|\Omega(B)\|_p \leq \sqrt{\|\Omega(A)\|_p \|\Omega(C)\|_p}$  and hence the positivity in (3.21).

Since the following bound:

$$\|(\Psi_{\lambda} \otimes \Omega)(\sigma_1)\|_{p} \le \nu_{p}(\Psi_{\lambda}) \,\nu_{p}(\Omega) \operatorname{tr}[\sigma_1] \tag{3.23}$$

is derived in a similar way we have

$$\|(\Phi \otimes \Omega)(\hat{\rho})\|_{p} \le \nu_{p}(\Phi) \,\nu_{p}(\Omega). \tag{3.24}$$

Q.E.D.

**Remark 10** We take  $\Omega$  as a CP map but the 2-positivity is sufficient. A similar observation holds in the following section as well.

#### 3.3 Generalization and corollaries

Any CP map  $\Phi$  from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  can be written in the Kraus form:

$$\Phi(\rho) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_k \rho A_k^*.$$
 (3.25)

Here,  $A_k$  are  $n \times m$  matrices. The condition  $\sum_{k=1}^N A_k^* A_k = I$  implies that  $\Phi$  is TP. We also define the complementary/conjugate channel of  $\Phi$  as follows.

$$\Phi^{C}(\rho) = \operatorname{tr}[A_k \rho A_l^*] |k\rangle\langle l|. \tag{3.26}$$

Note that this is a CPTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ , whose dimension is the number of Kraus operators in (3.25). As in [6], [10], a channel and its complementary/conjugate channel share the maximal output p-norm and then the multiplicativity property. Therefore, Theorem 7 and Theorem 9 give the following corollary.

Corollary 11 Let  $\Phi$  be a CPTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . If  $\Phi$  can be written by two Kraus operators then  $\nu_p(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_p(\Phi) \, \nu_p(\Omega)$  for p = 2 and  $p \geq 4$ .

**Proof.**  $\Phi^C$  is a CPTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ . Hence, by using Theorem 7 and Theorem 9, the statement follows. Q.E.D.

Also, we can generalize Theorem 7:

**Theorem 12** Suppose we have a PTP map  $\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ M$ . Here, M is a PTP decomposable map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  having a rank-one-projection output, and  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  is the depolarizing channel on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Then  $\nu_2(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_2(\Phi) \nu_2(\Omega)$  for any CP map  $\Omega$ .

The above statement can be proven in a similar way as Theorem 7, and it is a generalization of the result in [2] when p=2. Note that this statement is not vacuous. For example, take two CPTP maps  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  such that  $\Phi_1$  and  $T \circ \Phi_2$  have the common rank-one-projection output. Then,  $M=q\Phi_1+(1-q)T\circ\Phi_2$  for  $0\leq q\leq 1$  satisfies the above condition.

Corollary 13 Suppose we have a PTP map  $\Phi = \Psi_{\lambda} \circ M$ . Here, M is a PTP map from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  having a rank-one-projection output, and  $\Psi_{\lambda}$  is the depolarizing channel on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ . Then  $\nu_2(\Phi \otimes \Omega) = \nu_2(\Phi) \nu_2(\Omega)$  for any CP map  $\Omega$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 4, M is always decomposable. Hence by Theorem 12 the result follows. Q.E.D.

### 4 Discussion

In this paper, we used the concept of decomposability of positive maps. Since partial transpose does not preserve positivity we had to exclude the case  $p \in (2,4)$ . It would be interesting to investigate whether or not the same bound holds for  $p \in (2,4)$ . There is another interesting question. We don't know very much about decomposability of positive maps  $M : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^m) \to \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  when m > 3 although some researches are being done [14]. Decomposable maps of this class will give other PTP maps which have multiplicativity property.

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